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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 8310

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, CB

SUBJECT: AIR FRANCE SUSPENDS FLIGHTS TO PHNOM PENH

1. AIR FRANCE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE VILLIERS TELLS US THAT BEGINNING TODAY AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE HIS COMPANY HAS SUSPENDED FLIGHTS IN AND OUT OF POCHENTONG "BECAUSE OF DETERIORATION IN THE SECURITY ENVIRONMENT."

2. BECAUSE THE SECURITY PICTURE FOR FLIGHTS IN AND OUT OF POCHENTONG PARTICULARLY THE AA AND SMALL ARMS PROBLEM HAS NOT DETERIORATED DURING THE WEEK AND MAY HAVE IMPROVED, WE INTERPRET THIS ACTION AS A MEANS OF PUTTING THE RESPONSIBILITY ON THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE TO SHOW WHY IT IS SAFE TO CONTINUE FLIGHTS.

3. WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH VILLIERS TO GIVE HIM WHATEVER HELP WE CAN TO BUILD A CASE. HE TELLS US THAT HE WILL, HOWEVER, RECOMMEND ONLY RESUMPTION OF WEST-CONFIDENTIAL

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BOUND FLIGHTS, STOPPING THE EAST-BOUND SERVICE TO MANILA

AND HONG KONG.

4. COMMENT: CONTINUATION OF COMMERICAL AIR SERVICE TO
POCHENTONG IS OF COURSE AN IMPORTANT MORALE ELEMENT.
VILLIERS TELLS US THAT AIR VIETNAM HAS ALREADY SIGNALLED
THAT IT WOULD FOLLOW AIR FRANCE'S LEAD, SHOULD THE CURRENT
SUSPENSION OF FLIGHTS BECOME INDEFINITE. WHETHER OR NOT
THE LINK IS THAT CLOSE IS DIFFICULT FOR US
TO SAY, BUT THE IMMEDIATE TASK IS TO CONVINCE THE AIR
FRANCE HOME OFFICE TO RESUME FLIGHTS. WE ARE TRYING TO
GET VILLIERS TO SOFT PEDAL THE SUSPENSION BUT THE WIRE
SERVICE ALREADY HAVE THE REPORT.
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